

As a citizen of the United States I find it outrageous that Sinclair Broadcast Group will so blatantly use the public airwaves to forward a political agenda. This is clear evidence that the FCC erred in supporting further consolidation in the media industry.

The example of Sinclair Broadcast Group preempting programming to air "A POW Story" calls for FCC review of the program before it is aired. That the FCC could view a forty year old story as 'news' is absurd and smacks of political bias. Michael Powell may plead ignorance but it would be in the best interest of the country if the FCC intervened.

Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions have illustrated the dangers to localism caused by media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

I urge the FCC to stop take responsibility by using due dilligence in researching the content of "A POW Story"and if necessary pulling the licences of Sinclair Broadcast Group before the airing of "A POW Story"

Thank you.

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